

City of Chicopee
Community Development
2016-2017 Action Plan Amendment
Public Hearing

Thursday, December 1, 2016

6:30 pm

Main Library– 449 Front St.

The purpose is to present changes to the approved HUD Action Plan.

Individuals needing accommodations should contact 413-594-1490
at least 72 hours in advance.

City of Chicopee

Amendment to Annual Action Plan

This amendment makes four changes to the City of Chicopee's Annual Action Plan for the program year 7/1/2016-6/30/2017. The original plan as approved by HUD as well as the draft amendment is available on the City's website at www.chicopeema.gov and at the following locations: City Hall, 17 Springfield St., Office of Community Development, 38 Center St, and the Chicopee Main Library, 449 Front St.

The four proposed changes subject to HUD's review and approval are as follows:

CHANGE #1: REVISED PROJECT LOCATION OF REMEDIATION OF BROWNFIELDS

In the approved Annual Action Plan, the City proposed to expend \$120,000 as matching funds to EPA Remediation grants. As the EPA funds are not anticipated to be available during the program year, the City is proposing to reallocate those funds towards the clearance of Building #26 known as the Uniroyal Administration Building.

CHANGE #2: INCREASE FUNDING TO THE REMEDIATION OF BROWNFIELDS

Having obtained updated cost to remediate the balance of Uniroyal Building #26, the City is increasing the brownfields remediation activity to \$270,000. The project was originally funded at \$120,000. The additional funds are available from prior year unexpended balances.

CHANGE #3 DESIGNATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING TO A DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

In the approved Annual Action Plan, the City proposed an economic development activity targeted to the redevelopment of the Uniroyal site. A number of recent circumstances have caused the City to shift the project's target area. These circumstances include: merger of prominent local lender and Downtown real estate owner, Chicopee Savings Bank; closing of a long-time retail establishment; approval of the City's Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP). Due to these factors, the city is proposing to shift the target area of the Business Assistance program from Uniroyal to the HDIP zone- see attached map.

CHANGE #4: INCREASE FUNDING TO THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City is proposing to allocate \$ 225,000 to the Business Assistance Program. The increased funding is available due to the availability of prior year unexpended funds. The Economic Development Activity had been funded at \$109,287

Public Comment on the proposed Amendment will be accepted from November 28, - December 16, 2016. Written comment can be submitted to Michael Vedovelli, Community Development Director, 38 Center St., Chicopee, MA or mvedovelli@chicopeema.gov

The Document is posted on the City's website at www.chicopeema.gov and was posted at three locations: City Hall, Main Library, and Office of Community Development

Boundary Map

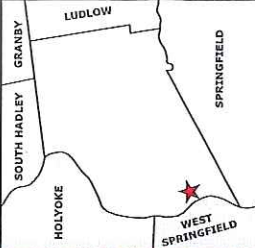
Legend

- Proposed West End HD Zone
- Town Boundary
- Historic District
- Ames Manufacturing Company
- Cabotville Common Historic District
- Croftman Streetcar
- Dwight Manufacturing Company
- Dwight Manufacturing Company Housing District
- Exchange Street - Market Square Area
- Gloucester Streetcar
- School Streetcar
- Springfield Street Historic District
- West - Kimball Streets Area
- CHLAP MHC - ID Number



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Based on NANTUCKET Color Orthophotography, Spring 2015.
Vector Data courtesy of City of Chicopee, 2016.



West End Housing Development Zone

Chicopee Center
Chicopee, Massachusetts



Developed by City of Chicopee
Planning Department
May 2016

